

REMARKS

Claims 7-17 are pending. The Office Action rejects claims 14-16 under § 112, ¶ 1 and ¶ 2. The Office Action also rejects claims 13 and 16 under § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,428,513 ("*Hiemstra*"). Claims 7-12 have been allowed. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Objection to the Specification

Applicant has amended the specification and respectfully requests withdrawal of that objection.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and § 102

Hiemstra teaches a sun visor having an illuminating device including a cover 30. A lens 36 is disposed on one side of the cover 30, and a pair of lamps 57 (one lamp 57 is shown in FIG. 6) attached to right and left sides of a panel 60 that is disposed on the other side of the cover 30. The lamps 57 provide illumination behind the lens 36 at the opposite corners thereof (see column 3, line 64 to column 4, line 3). Therefore, in *Hiemstra* the light of the lamps 57 is refracted in a direction parallel to the cover after entering the lens 36 in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the cover. This path of refraction of light is different from that of amended claim 13.

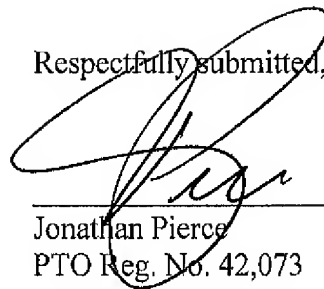
Amended claim 16 recites first and second illuminating devices each having the light emitter and the light guide panel. *Hiemstra* discloses only one lens 36.

New claim 17 requires that the light emitter opposes to a side edge of the light guide panel in a direction substantially parallel to the inner surface of the cover, whereas lamps 57 of *Hiemstra* oppose lens 36 in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the cover.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully suggests that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, or if any extensions of time are necessary to process this paper, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769, and please treat this as a request for such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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